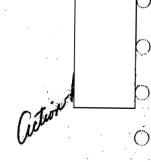
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- 1. POUCHING OCI ARTICLES OVER PERIOD 23 NOVEMBER TO
 6 DECEMBER ON FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS: SHELEPIN SPEECH IN HAVANA
 12 NOVEMBER, SUSLOV'S SPEECH IN VILNYUS AND KOSYGIN'S IN MINSK
 RESPECTIVELY 28 AND 14 NOVEMBER, KIRILENKO SPEECH IN TBILISI
 5 OCTOBER, AND ZORZA ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST 4 DECEMBER ALLEGING
 SIGNS OF TROUBLE IN KREMLIN. ALTHOUGH CLASSIFIED ONLY CONFIDENTIAL,
 THESE ARE SOLID ANALYSES WHICH DRAW ON AVAILABLE INFO AND PUT
 ISSUES CITED REF IN BALANCED PERSPECTIVE.
- 2. IN ABOVE CONTEXT, WE NOTE LANGUAGE LAST SENTENCE REF PARA
 3 AND WISH CALZ ATTENTION TO FACT THAT REFERENCE TO A BREZHNEVSUSLOV DISAGREEMENT AS AN ESTABLISHED FACT IS INAPPROPRIATE. AS
 YOU WILL SEE FROM OCI ARTICLES, WHILE CERFAIN DIFFERENCES DO EMERGE
 IN TONE AND THRUST OF RECENT SPEECHES OF POLITBURO MEMBERS, THERE
 IS NO EVIDENCE FROM ANY SOURCE THAT THESE DIFFERENCES ARE OF A
 CHARACTER OR QUALITY WHICH PERMIT THEM BE DESCRIBED AS POLICY

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